

Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 284
“An Act Increasing the Age From Eight to Eighteen years For an Income-Eligible
Person to Obtain Medical Assistance Regardless of Immigration Status”

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Dear Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie, and Distinguished Members of
the Human Services Committee:

I am a physician in private practice in New Haven, on the clinical faculty of Yale-
New Haven Hospital and the Yale School of Medicine, and I reside in Branford.
This testimony represents my own personal opinion, and not the opinion of Yale-
New Haven Hospital or the Yale School of Medicine.

I am submitting testimony in SUPPORT of SB 284 -- although I would like to see
new language that expands HUSKY for ALL eligible people living in Connecticut,
regardless of immigration status.

I believe that healthcare is a human right, and that all people, especially children,
need access to preventative care, like vaccines and health screenings, as well as
routine care to prevent minor health problems from becoming major health crisis.

If there is one lesson that I hope that we have learned during this pandemic, it is
that, as a state, we are only as healthy as our least healthy members. Please ensure
that all residents of Connecticut, regardless of immigration status, have access to
the health services they need to keep them healthy.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I urge you to SUPPORT SB 284 with
the modifications as described above. Please contact me with any questions at:
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Sincerely yours,

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